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BOOKS were removed from the shelves of Banbury's now-famous phone box library as organisations continued their talks over its future.

After an initial outcry last month when BT threatened to call time on the scheme, Banbury Town Council made an offer to adopt the box.

But an ongoing dispute over whether the phone could remain operational has stalled progress.

On Tuesday books vanished from the shelves. Visit Banbury volunteer Steve Gold said: "There comes a point when you wonder, how much effort can we put into these things?"

Visit Banbury volunteer Steve Gold in the box

Bid to add 140 extra properties to development is thwarted

HOMES PLAN IS REJECTED

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AN APPEAL to build 140 extra homes on an approved development at Hardwick Farm, Banbury has been thrown out.

London-based company Pandora Trading Ltd had received permission from Cherwell District Council for 90 homes at the site off Southam Road, including retail facilities and extra care housing.

But a second application last October to bring the total to 230 homes was refused, despite Cherwell's shortfall in land supply.

Pandora appealed the decision by the district council's planning committee, but that has now been rejected.

The new structures would have been built on a sloped section of the site.

Their impact on Banbury Cemetery and Crematorium, located on the hill, and on the overall appearance of the landscape played a crucial role in the appeal decision.

In her decision submitted last Wednesday, Inspector Wendy Fabian said: "My assessment is that the upper slopes of the appeal site are an important and recognisable feature within the rural landscape at the north edge of Banbury.

"In several key local views, the proposed build development on the upper parts of the site would be prominent with an intrusive effect that would demonstrably and fundamentally harm the character of the landscape and mask its topography and whilst this effect would be less easily discerned from a distance, it would still be significant."

The appeal had pointed out the benefits of increased numbers of homes.

Councillor Michael Gibbard said: "While we recognise the importance of providing new homes, it is important that we build the right homes in the right places.

"The lack of a five-year land supply does not automatically equate to permission being granted, particularly on sites which we consider to be unsuitable, sporadic or unsustainable."

The Hanwell Fields Development Action Group had vocally opposed the plans since the original 90-house application.

Chairman Malcolm Finch said: "It's brilliant. The total number of houses in Hanwell Fields has gone up and up and up."

He said the lack of an adopted local plan, which would set out where developments would go and their scale, was putting undue pressure on the council to approve plans. He added if all current plans were approved, about 2,500 homes could be built on Banbury's northern perimeter.

He said: "If they had actually bothered to get a local plan done on time and within budget, we would not have the problem. I'm pleased but it's a shame they couldn't do more to stop all the other developments."

In January, the examination by planning inspector Nigel Payne into Cherwell's delayed 76,000-page submitted Local Plan, outlining the council's preferred sites to deliver 22,800 homes by 2031, was concluded.

If endorsed by the planning inspector, it could be adopted by this spring.

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Race tsar flags up ethnicity in abuse cases

A LEADING race tsar has said sex gangs, like the men jailed under Operation Bullfinch, got away with abusing children for years because of their race.

Trevor Phillips, the former chairman of the predecessor to the Equality and Human Rights Commission, made the comments in an article on race issues across the UK.

Published in the *Daily Mail*, he said: "Latterly, the unfolding tragedy of the street grooming of children by largely Pakistani Muslim gangs in several British cities has exposed a culture in which public authorities would do almost anything to avoid being accused of stigmatising an ethnic group – including turning a blind eye to abuse."

Comments: Trevor Phillips

Six white girls in Oxford were sexually abused for years by a gang of seven men – of Pakistani or north African origin – who were jailed for a minimum of 95 years.

A Serious Case Review, published earlier this month, revealed police and social services knew aspects of the abuse as early as 2005, but little was done until 2011.

But it said their ethnicity was not a factor in authorities shying away from investigating cases.

Alan Bedford, who wrote the report for the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board, said: "Only one reference was made that suggested any reticence related to ethnicity.

"A parent (of a victim) said a desk officer said ... the police were under pressure not to appear institutionally racist.

"No other information has come to suggest that any processes of identifying (the abuse) or taking action against it was delayed due to the ethnicity of the perpetrators.

"The frankness of (the police) suggests that, had there been indication of a 'go easy' to avoid an appearance of racism, it would have been uncovered and reported."

The first train to London passes through a restructured Harbury cutting in the early hours of Friday

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SUDELEY CASTLE & GARDENS

Sudeley Castle & Gardens is set to open its doors again on Monday, March 16, for what looks set to be its most exciting season yet.

To celebrate, the castle has teamed up with the Banbury Cake to offer seven lucky readers the chance to win a 12 month pass (for two adults and up to three children) so the whole family can visit throughout the year.

As well as discovering the popular 20 Treasures of Sudeley, Richard III exhibition and visiting the tomb of Katherine Parr, guests can explore a host of new activities which will ensure a fantastic family day out in the Cotswolds.

A new family attraction is also launching on Wednesday April 1. Working alongside Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, the "Lost in the Willows" living maze and dipping pond is based on classic children's novel, The Wind in the Willows and features family favourites Ratty, Mole and Badger.

Additional planned activities include an Easter hunt in the maze, face painting and arts & crafts on Sunday, April 5, a Children's Wednesday with nature themed activities for little ones on Wednesday, April 8, and a Victorian May Day complete with Morris dancers and maypole on Monday, May 4.

Located only eight miles from Cheltenham and Broadway, Sudeley Castle & Gardens is the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within the grounds. The last of Henry VIII's six wives, Katherine Parr lived and died in the castle. She is now entombed in a beautiful 15th century church found within the award-winning gardens.

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Trains run again on landslip line

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COMMUTERS breathed a sigh of relief as the landslip-hit railway line at Harbury Tunnel finally reopened last Friday.

Service resumed as normal, with the first passenger train for three weeks departing for London at 5.46am.

Network Rail had announced the previous week that the line, built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel 150 years ago, and closed since January 31 due to a 350,000-tonne landslip, would reopen on the day several weeks ahead of schedule.

It was originally anticipated that removal of earth and stabilisation of the site would take until Easter.

Cherwell Rail Users group chairman Chris Bates, who travelled on the line on Friday morning, said: "My journey was perfect – spot on. It went really smoothly."

Tracey Hughes, 28, who works behind the bar at the White Horse pub in North Bar Street, said: "I'm pleased. My mum travels regularly from Wales and had to go through the farce of the buses."

Other passengers, however, reported that signal problems near Birmingham led to delays of up to 40 minutes.

The Harbury Tunnel Disaster
By Daniel Rendall

It was in the year Anno Domini 2015
That we saw the most disruptive train disaster south-east Warwickshire had ever seen

A third of a million tonnes of land had slid towards the track
Preventing trains from taking people to their work, and bringing them back

The locus of this catastrophe was the Harbury Tunnel
Built by the fabled engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Unclear were the circumstances which caused the land to creep
Though like the cost of a season ticket, the sides of the cutting were steep

In February did this mishap occur when the weather was bitter cold
With no firm date for resumption of service, or so the displays foretold

Replacement buses ferried passengers from Banbury to Leamington Spa
Two places which seem near by train, but on a bus appear quite far

For luxury coach companies, easy money was to be made
As passengers were forced to cope with journeys much delayed

And since the buses picking their way through the rush-hour traffic
Were both big and unwieldy, progress wasn't very quick

Although the rail replacement bus made the commute more of a chore
There was something to be said for not sitting in the vestibule on the floor

But all in all, the whole thing served to vex and rile and goad
Those who wanted to go to work by rail but were instead taken by road

Daniel Rendall, from Leamington, said: "My train was delayed. The 7.38am was held to 8.23am. I think we are back to normal levels of incompetence."

During the landslip repairs, railway replacement buses ran between Banbury and Leamington Spa, adding about 45 minutes to the average commute.

In frustration on the bus, commuter Mr Rendall, 40, wrote a poem about his experience of the landslip, printed above.

Part of Network Rail's work was to secure Harbury cutting to prevent further landslips. This landslip followed a smaller one on Valentine's Day last year.

A spokesman said the cutting had now been regraded, with soil removed so that the sides were less steep, and Network Rail is now carrying out long-term repairs to reduce the chance of a repeat incident in the future.

Chief executive Mark Carne said: "Everything was done to reopen this essential line – which is relied upon by thousands of passengers every day and used to transport thousands of tonnes of freight – as safely and quickly as possible. I thank passengers and the residents of Harbury for their patience."

‘Farage of the future’ is found at student debate

Speaker John Bercow drops by school to engage pupils in politics and Parliamentary life

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POLITICS students gave the John Bercow MP a run for his money at Bloxham School with one named by the Speaker as the next Nigel Farage.

Mr Bercow, MP for Buckingham and Speaker of the House of Commons since 2009, visited the independent boarding school in Banbury Road on Friday to talk about political engagement.

He urged students to remain interested in the process and not get frustrated, despite the “cacophony of noise” sometimes heard in the House.

He also described his role as Speaker as being a “referee”, adding that he could name all 650 MPs in the House of Commons.

Questions were put to him by several students, including Kate Price, who asked whether e-petitions made an impact, and Charlie Gulliver, who asked how as Speaker he was able to represent his constituents’ views.

Sixth former Tom Haynes said: “It was a very interesting talk which demystified the role of Speaker and made me think about the importance of voting.”

Afterwards, Mr Bercow chaired a debate between politics Sixth Form students on the question Does Democracy Work in the 21st Century?

An audience of students, other schools and members of the local community came to listen.

Student Hugh Symons, 17, gave a speech against the motion which included some points against Europe. Afterwards, Mr Bercow compared Hugh to the UKIP leader, saying he was “a budding Nigel Farage”.

Hugh said after the event: “It’s not so bad considering he is such an enigmatic politician. I took it as a compliment. However, I do not support UKIP.

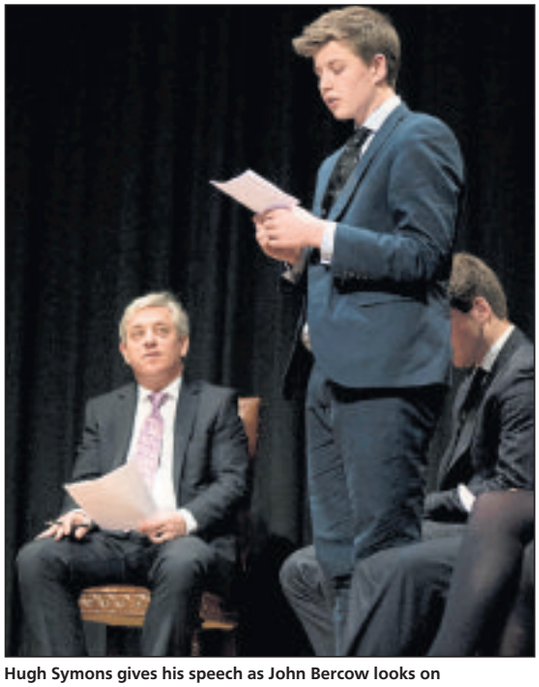
“If the voting age was lowered I would vote in the General Election.”

Max Langer was the only student to deliver his speech without notes and was praised by Mr Bercow for doing so.

The Speaker told other participants that to talk without notes was essential for public speaking, but it was a skill that took time to master.

Max said afterwards: “I felt really good, with lots of people saying well done. I had to condense a considerable amount of information into a 30-second speech and tried to skim out the non-essential points.

“It’s quite exciting to have someone with such power visiting the school.”



Hugh Symons gives his speech as John Bercow looks on

Children’s sessions set for Easter holiday

BOOKING has now opened for Cherwell District Councils Easter holiday hubs.

The council are holding holiday activities across Bicester, Banbury and Bloxham, which last year attracted 600 bookings.

Deputy leader for Cherwell District Council George Reynolds said: “The February half-term break may only just be over but it is already time to turn our attention to Easter – we are now offering our hubs during every school holiday.”

The holiday hubs will kick off on Monday, March 30, and run for two weeks during weekdays – excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Children, aged between five and 15, will be able to take part in arts and crafts, games and sports.

The session will be held at the North Oxfordshire Academy in Banbury, Cooper School in Bicester and The Warriner School in Bloxham.

Full sessions from 8.45am to 5pm cost £16.95 or sessions from 8.45am to 3pm cost £12.95.

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Chief axe plan to be revoked

OXON: A decision to scrap the top job at Oxfordshire County Council is expected to be formally revoked on Tuesday.

The move was voted through by the Conservative-Independent Alliance on February 17. But a week later council leader Ian Hudspeth admitted it was not valid. The decision would have made chief executive Joanna Simons' position redundant by June, granting her redundancy of almost £600,000. Councillors will be asked to revoke a notice of dismissal and agree to investigate a restructure.

The meeting starts at 10am in County Hall, New Road, Oxford.

GBH admitted

OXON: Two men admitted causing grievous bodily harm with intent after being involved in a stabbing.

Ian Murray, 25, of no fixed address, and Aaron Theodore, 20, of Portland Road, Southall, Ealing, both pleaded guilty at Oxford Crown Court.

They attacked Nathan Pond on December 16 last year in Longlandes Way, Banbury.

Theodore also admitted possessing a knife in a public place and Murray admitted assaulting Reginald Jolliffe with intent to rob in Oxford Road, Littlemore, on December 15.

They are in custody and will be sentenced on June 21.

Royal honour

OXON: The county's chief fire officer has received an OBE from The Queen.

Oxfordshire's Chief Fire Officer David Etheridge, who was awarded the OBE in Her Majesty's New Year Honours List, received the medal at Windsor Palace.

Food recycling scheme is a big booster for charities

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Supermarkets and traders come on board to help cut down on amount of wastage

Loading the van with donated fruit and vegetables are, from left, Kieron Mallon, Riki Therivel and Valerie Richards

SUPERMARKETS, shops and Banbury Market traders have banded together to help with a new food recycling initiative.

Banbury Food for Charities takes leftover fresh and perishable food near its best before date from sites around the town, where it might otherwise go to waste or be used as animal feed. It then delivers it for free to local charities.

The idea was conceived by Riki Therivel, a sustainability consultancy partner and visiting professor at Oxford Brookes University, last year after a volunteering stint at the Oxford Food Bank.

She set up a stall at Banbury Food Fair last August to promote the scheme, attracting fellow trustees Mr Kieron Mallon and Valerie Richards.

Ms Therivel said: "Our first delivery was a couple of large marrows, beans and cabbages from an allotment holder. Now we deliver to 12 local charities."

Some of the donors are Aldi, Sainsbury's and Banbury market trader John Denton.

Mr Mallon said: "John on Banbury Market has been fantastic. Now Aldi and Sainsbury's are on board we will divert tons of good food from going to waste or landfill, and instead provide good wholesome ingredients to enable charities and people to cook for themselves."

Beneficiaries include Oxfordshire-wide mental health charity Restore, the Banbury Young Homelessness Project and children's centres around town. A BYHP spokesman told organisers: "The young people have been learning healthy eating and enjoying cooking using the ingredients delivered." Banbury Food for Charities is hunting for volunteer drivers and helpers in the Banbury area.

To get involved contact Valerie Richards at bvrichards@tiscali.co.uk or 01295 369518.

Fresh meals to be axed at hospitals

REPLACING freshly-cooked food with chilled ready meals at Oxfordshire's community hospitals will be a "step back into the dark ages", a patients' watchdog has warned.

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the nine hospitals, said the new system would be more cost effective.

But staff and patients are said to be "deeply concerned" about the cost-saving decision, which could see chef jobs cut.

Food is already prepared using the "cook chill" process at Abingdon, Henley, Bicester and Oxford City hospitals, and the method will now be rolled out to Chipping Norton, Didcot, Wallingford, Wantage and Witney.

Cook chill sees food prepared and cooked elsewhere before being chilled, transported to the hospital and then reheated on site.

Jacqueline Pearce-Gervis, chairwoman of Oxfordshire's Patient Voice group, said: "This would be a step back into the dark ages.

"Cook-chill food is absolutely horrible. Never ask for an omelette.

"We should be maintaining fresh food – these people are in for weeks or months and need to build their strength to get well and go home."

In 2013-14, 2,066 people spent a total of 70,079 days in community hospitals.

Oxford Health spokesman Alistair Duncan said: "We are proposing to implement a new process for the preparation of meals at our community hospital sites to ensure consistency in terms of quality and nutritional value and to ensure food hygiene. It is also a more efficient and cost-effective system.

"We will stop cooking food on the premises of our hospitals and provide meals using a cook chill process."

He said "several staff" would be "affected" by the plans and the trust was currently "consulting with them".

But Oxford Health did not respond when asked if patients or the public were consulted on the changes.

Mr Duncan said: "For any staff that are identified as affected, they will be offered training and redeployment elsewhere within the trust."

Hospital kitchens will now be used to reheat food, he said.

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Ministers criticise 'soft justice'

MINISTERS criticised police for using weaker punishments inappropriately, with Thames Valley Police using out-of-court disposals (OOCDs) in more than 40 per cent of cases.

A Home Affairs Committee report said OOCDs, which include police cautions and restorative justice, were used "inappropriately" in 30 per cent of cases nationally.

It said they were sometimes used for serious crimes, including violent and sexual offences, adding: "They must not be used by police merely as a time-saving tool when the circumstances of the offence suggest that prosecution is the right course of action."

Police working in the Thames Valley used OOCDs in 43 per cent of cases, one of the highest proportions in the country.

Gwent Police, in Wales, used the most OOCDs, with only 51 per cent of cases going to court.

Old 999 HQ eyed by Build! project

Ultra-low-energy shared accommodation homes are up for approval today

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A FORMER Banbury ambulance station could be turned into housing subject to approval today.

Cherwell District Council will meet at 4pm to discuss plans by the council's 'Build!' project to redevelop the 1950s station in Cope Road.

Demolition began last November on the site, which has been closed since 2006. Services have since moved to Marley Way, near Spiceball Park.

Prior to being at this location, NHS ambulances were stationed on a Cornhill site owned by St John Ambulance service, now a Ladbrokes betting shop. They moved to Cope Road in 1956.

Historian Brian Little, a Banbury resident since 1961, recalled a visit to the Cope Road HQ next to Banbury Fire Station: "We were shown how the men shinned down this pole and belted into their ambulance.

"Cape Road is very near the centre of town, so it was a very good position."

John Donaldson with Rob Davies, of AR Demolition

Visit Banbury's Tim Tarby-Donald said: "I have been eyeing that building for five years. We asked if we could rent it as a community centre.

"The project is super. It gets buildings back into usage that have been dormant and gives people the ability to be part of the build. It's a win-win."

Renovations will consist of six rentable dwellings of shared accommodation, including two self-contained units for building managers. The council aims to provide affordable housing options for single people on a low income. If approved, work will begin in July and finish next spring.

Homes are set to be 'passive houses', ultra-low-energy buildings cheaper to heat than conventional designs. Six protected lime trees on the site are to be retained and each dwelling will have bird and bat boxes.

The Build! project sees properties partially developed before being handed over to tenants or owners, who then complete the work in exchange for a rent reduction.

In this case it is unlikely that any renovation work will be done by the new occupants, but they will have access to education and training opportunities. John Donaldson, Cherwell's lead member for Banbury Brighter Futures, said: "Although this forms part of the Build! project, this scheme is about more than just affordable housing – it is also about giving the residents the chance to improve their employability.

"Living alone can prove expensive and people often find once they start amalgamating bills they cannot afford to return to education to obtain additional qualifications. We want to break that cycle."

Antiques dealer opens new wing

Antiques expert Mark Stacey with resident trader Carol Housby Picture: Jon Lewis

TELEVISION antiques expert Mark Stacey was the guest of honour at the launch of Banbury Antiques Centre's new wing.

The Welsh antiques dealer, a long-time familiar face on the BBC's *Flog It!* and *Bargain Hunt* programmes, joined guests for champagne and canapes at the Wardington centre on Saturday.

A 1930s-style brass band welcomed visitors exploring the centre's abundant displays of vintage fashion, art and reclaimed furniture.

Opening the celebration, Mr Stacey said: "It's very good to be here and please, go shopping."

The new space has capacity for 30 new traders.

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Students test design skills

GRAPHIC design students at Banbury and Bicester College are having their skills put to the test in a special competition.

Accountancy firm Clarke Howes, which has offices in Victoria Road, Bicester and Church Passage, Banbury, has asked them to produce illustrations to be used as part of a rebranding project.

More than 40 students, aged between 16 and 21, are taking part in the challenge.

Seven entries will be commissioned for the firm's website and printed literature.

There will also be a small cash prize.

Banbury and Bicester College course director Matt Chilton said: "Working with Clark Howes gives our graphic design students the opportunity to gain valuable industry experience."

The winner will be announced on Wednesday, May 27, at the Clarke Howes spring drinks reception, held at the Crazy Bear, Stadhampton.

Clashes over homes plan

BANBURY town mayor Sean Woodcock clashed with Cherwell District Council on Thursday over the amount of low-cost housing in Bicester Garden City.

The Labour councillor demanded that of 13,000 new homes to be built by 2031, the 30 per cent 'affordable homes' allocation should be increased. This was rejected by Cherwell District Council leader Barry Wood. Bicester was awarded 'Garden City' status last year.

Mr Woodcock said: "Garden City status for Bicester is a wheeze. The Tories are using it so that they can spend taxpayers' money to subsidise their own voters, buy-to-let landlords. Having secured Garden City status for Bicester, Councillor Wood is content to allow the vast majority of the houses to be sold on the open market, where they will be out of reach of many local people. It is unforgivable when we have a housing crisis."

Mums' run for child cancer

YOUNG mums from Sanctuary Supported Living's Rachel House ran 5km in the dark last Saturday to shed light on a national cancer charity.

The women ran in pitch black conditions, covered in glow-in-the-dark UV paint, to raise money in the Blacklight 5km run in Northampton.

Together they have so far raised more than £125 for CLIC Sargent, which helps children and young people living with cancer and leukaemia.

Chantelle Merry-Taylor, 20, who lives at Rachel House, Dashwood Road, Banbury, said: "We wanted to do something to help the charity after seeing other families at Rachel House having to raise children diagnosed with cancer."

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Project seeks to boost town's image online

The Visit Banbury brand has developed a strong social media presence to help raise awareness of what's on offer

Tim Tarby-Donald, who has set up the Visit Banbury group and now has a stall in Market Place, seen here with Banbury resident Katie Riches

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A BUSTLING Market Place stall greeted shoppers, the latest offering from the thriving nine-week-old community project Visit Banbury.

Tea towels, fridge magnets, pens and a touchscreen stylus all bore the Visit Banbury brand and turned over a healthy profit of £330 for the project fund on Saturday.

It followed a public meeting at Banbury Town Hall last Thursday attended by about 40 people. The Visit Banbury team explained its vision for the project, which aims to promote positive thinking about Banbury and awareness of what's on offer in the town.

Founder Tim Tarby-Donald, originally from Worcestershire, said the experience had so far been a "whirlwind" but he looked forward to keeping up the good work over the coming months.

He said: "Having watched from the sidelines over a number of years, I observed that while there was a great deal to shout about in Banbury no one place existed to see how all of this could be brought together. I was aware of a number of challenges and opportunities in the near future such as Banbury Gateway and Castle Quay 2. Rather than sit back, I decided to get involved myself."

Mr Tarby-Donald, now in his 40s, travelled across the UK and France over 22 years for his work at multinational company Xerox.

At the beginning of 2015 he resigned and relocated permanently to Queens Road, Banbury. He added: "I have been on a rollercoaster ride, as I was relatively unknown a few weeks ago. In a short space of time I have been very fortunate."

The project has so far gone from strength to strength, supporting the Phone Box Library initiative and running a Twitter-based #ILoveBanbury competition. A previous Positivity Summit brainstorming session at Rye Hill invited 100 attendees to write post-it notes about their favourite things in Banbury.

The brand has developed a strong social media presence on Twitter, a blog, YouTube and – crucially – photo-sharing platform Instagram. The team now comprises nine volunteers and it is hoped a Visit Banbury community shop can be set up in town.

Volunteer Steve Gold, 58, also from Queens Road, provided Saturday's merchandise. He said: "I'm hanging on to Tim's coat tails. It has been a blast. It will be interesting to see how things pan out. There are new ideas coming in every day."

Volunteer Kate, 35, said helping find images for the Instagram feed had been "a really good journey".

She said: "Looking up for all the little details has made me see the town differently."

Visit visitbanbury.wordpress.com

Netball nights for women set to become permanent fixture

NETBALL sessions will become a permanent fixture for the Cherwell area after a successful trial.

The "Back to Netball" sessions were launched by the district council last month to create more sporting opportunities for women.

Deputy leader for Cherwell George Reynolds said: "We are committed to providing more sport and leisure opportunities to our residents, but before we commit to anything on a long-term basis, it is important to check that there is demand.

"We introduced our Back to Netball sessions to encourage women to rediscover or learn the game. Since then we have got regular attendees turning up week after week to enjoy the sessions. As such, we will continue to provide these sessions and encourage any ladies who have not yet been to come along and join in the fun, regardless of their age or abilities."

Sessions are 7.30pm-9pm, Wednesdays at the Bicester Hotel Golf and Spa off Green Lane, Chesterton. Book in advance at £3.50 or free for club members on 01869 241 204.

Nominate farming heroes for a £1,000 cash prize windfall

FARMING heroes across the county will be recognised in a national contest.

Agricultural company Agrii is on the search for Oxfordshire's Rural Community Champions as part of its nationwide campaign.

It will celebrate people making a difference within their rural communities.

Agrii marketing manager Mark Thomas said: "As a business that works in the countryside and serves the farming industry, we know that there is so much good work going on behind closed doors on top of the day job.

"We want to champion and celebrate this with a new campaign and competition."

Residents are being encouraged to nominate anyone who has worked to improve the county's rural communities.

The winner will receive a £1,000 cash prize.

Entries must be received by Thursday, April 30.

For more information visit agrii.co.uk/communitychampions

Waste imports spoil our recycling record

County the dustbin of the South East says Green councillor

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OXFORDSHIRE has been described as a dustbin for the rest of the South East by the county council's Green group leader.

David Williams said figures showing the county brought in waste from 112 other waste planning authority areas made a mockery of recycling efforts.

In 2013 a total of 670,436 tonnes of waste was imported – of which 422,375 tonnes were sent to landfill – according to Environment Agency figures released by the county council after a Freedom of Information request.

That is almost 140,000 times the size of the infamous Kennington superdump, where travellers dumped 3,000 tonnes of rubbish at Redbridge Hollow over two decades.

Green county council group leader David Williams, who is angry about imported waste

Mr Williams said: "At the moment we are the dustbin for the South East and taking in everybody else's waste and it's not really a solution. The county has a good record on recycling but this really makes a mockery of that."

David Nimmo Smith, the council's minerals and waste cabinet advisory group chairman, agreed to review the situation after calls from Mr Williams.

He said: "We don't want to be everyone's dumping ground so we will review imported waste shortly."

But there were "long contracts" at some sites that could not be varied.

A county council spokesman said: "Oxfordshire is one of the few counties in the South East that still has significant remaining permitted landfill capacity. The market will operate on a commercial basis to fill it with waste from Oxfordshire and from areas where capacity is limited."

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- **Witney - 26 March at 10.30am** OSJCT, 1 Des Roches Square, Witney, OX28 4BE

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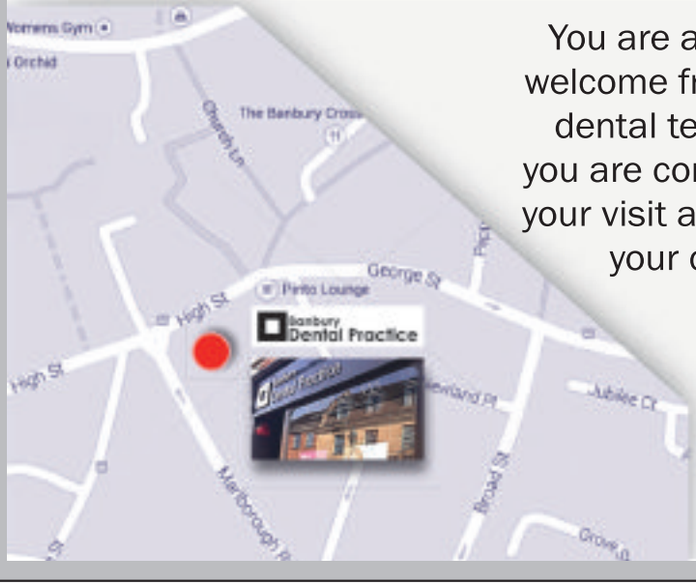

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New F1 base owner may create 200 jobs

American grand prix outfit Haas confirms it has bought collapsed Banbury firm Marussia's hub as its European centre

The former Marussia Technical Centre in Overthorpe Road, Banbury

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THE Banbury base of former F1 team Marussia has been bought by American F1 team Haas, it has been confirmed.

The 39,350-sq ft Marussia Technical Centre, in Overthorpe Road, will be the first European base for the Haas Grand Prix team.

About 200 to 250 jobs are expected to be created there and all of the team's equipment will be stored onsite.

Owner and businessman Gene Haas was reportedly keen to supplement the firm's North Carolina base with one on the other side of the channel.

The Banbury centre was first built in 2011 for the Marussia team, originally from Yorkshire. Marussia collapsed after last October's Russian Grand Prix with £60m debt, leaving 200 staff redundant. Twenty-seven local creditors were left out of pocket, including Cherwell District Council, owed about £57,000, and Banbury-based Prestige Engineering, owed £5,385.

Banbury Chamber of Commerce finance director Simon Smith said of the Haas takeover: "It has to be good for the area. It's work for local businesses and has the feel-good factor of F1 coming to town.

"Banbury is in an F1 hub as part of Oxfordshire and close to Silverstone. We have a deep tradition of motor sport here and logistically it's a very good area to get to from elsewhere."

Last December assets from Marussia were sold off at a two-day auction in the Centre. About 5,000 people attended to buy parts including racing wheels with tyres, steering wheels and two former show cars for £52,000 and £54,000.

But on January 19 the auction of remaining assets was cancelled and in February the team secured new investment, allowing it to exit from administration on February 25.

After a long period of speculation Haas has now confirmed it will take over the building.

It has appointed Dave O'Neill as team manager, Rob Taylor as chief designer and Ben Agathangelou as chief aerodynamicist. Mr O'Neill was previously team leader at Jordan until 2005 before moving to A1GP and then Marussia. Both Mr Taylor and Mr Agathangelou previously worked for Red Bull.

Haas logos have been on the Banbury centre's walls for several weeks.

The Marussia team, renamed Manor, has returned to its original base in Dinnington, South Yorkshire.

It was in Melbourne for the Australian Grand Prix, but neither young Briton Will Stevens or Spaniard Roberto Merhi were on the track for practice sessions and the team did not compete in the opener.

Five missing sex offenders

FIVE convicted sex offenders have gone missing across Thames Valley, prompting calls for an urgent review.

New figures revealed 396 registered sex offenders (RSOs) were wanted across the country last month because their whereabouts were unknown.

Registered sex offenders, including rapists and paedophiles, are required to inform police officers of their address and are supposed to be monitored under multi-agency public protection arrangements (Mappa).

Following a Freedom of Information request, Thames Valley Police has revealed there are five missing in its area, including three who have been missing for more than a year.

A Thames Valley Police spokesman said: "In line with the national picture the majority of RSOs that go missing are likely to have left the country. However, we continue to pursue enquiries to locate any missing RSO."

Green space result studied

THE results of a town-wide survey on the upkeep of Banbury's green spaces are now being analysed by the town council.

Around 4,000 residents received survey forms over the last month. So far about 400 have been returned.

Feedback will be passed to new grounds maintenance contractors The Landscape Group, based in Coventry, which is taking over next month. According to the council the new deal, worth £355,000 a year, represents a saving of £50,000 on maintenance costs.

General services committee chairman councillor Colin Clarke said: "We have had a fresh look at how parks are managed and maintained.

"We decided it made sense to consult the people who use them and find out what they want.

"We will carry out similar surveys every year."

Urgent care advice plan

PATIENTS across the county will be reminded of where they can go for urgent health advice in a four-week campaign being run by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The group, which commissions health services for the county, will be encouraging residents to be more aware of where to go for care and advice in times of crisis.

Oxfordshire CCG will also invite people to use their Choose Well app, which allows people to find out when services are open and where to go for specific ailments.

Deputy clinical chairman Dr Paul Park said: "We want to help people be aware of what services are there for Oxfordshire residents, when to turn to which service, where those services are and when they open."

For information on downloading the app, visit oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/your-health/choose-well/

Volunteers get fund boost to keep being good neighbours

AN OXFORDSHIRE service for the elderly has been boosted by a £10,000 windfall as part of a Royal Voluntary Service scheme.

Oxfordshire Good Neighbours Service was handed the funds from the People's Postcode Lottery to help more than 100 elderly people this year. Services will range from new confidential telephone lines and help with shopping, dog-walking and visits to elderly homes for a cup of tea.

Breda Lamb, service manager for Oxfordshire Good Neighbours, said: "This funding will allow us to deliver our service and ensure that no older person is left struggling on their own."

Clara Govier, head of charities at People's Postcode Lottery, said: "There is just no need for so many older people in this country to be so chronically lonely when the solution is often as simple as a cup of tea and a chat. I am delighted that players of People's Postcode Lottery are able to support Royal Voluntary Service."

Volunteers can call 01295 264214.

Fire chief urges sprinkler use in county's high-risk buildings

OXFORDSHIRE Chief Fire Officer David Etheridge is backing a campaign to promote the use of sprinkler systems.

The campaign has been organised the Chief Fire Officers' Association, which is calling for it to be a legal requirement to have fire sprinklers in higher risk premises, such as care homes.

Oxford City Council has pledged to fit sprinklers in high-rise buildings in the city.

A sprinkler system was fitted to Campsfield House immigration detention centre in Kidlington following a fire in October 2013.

He said: "Having sprinklers fitted is not an expensive process and they are recognised nationally to be an effective tool in preventing fire deaths and property damage whilst also helping to save money following a fire. I would certainly recommend businesses and other organisations responsible for particular buildings to take the opportunity during fire sprinkler week to look at the options available regarding sprinklers."

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Gardens are open for air ambulance

OXFORDSHIRE gardens will be open to the public this spring in aid of the air ambulance.

Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance is preparing to launch its largest Open Gardens programme to date.

It comes as the charity marks its 15th anniversary this year and will be celebrating with its Open Gardens programme between April and September.

The scheme, which sees garden owners across Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire open their doors to the public, raised £54,000 for the charity last year.

TVACAA chief executive Mark McGeown said: "We are proud to reflect on the achievements over the last 15 years in which this organisation has evolved into one of the leading air ambulance outfits in the country and has developed advanced capabilities that enable the crew to bring the expertise of the A&E to patients wherever they need it.

"Open Gardens remains an enjoyable and inspiring way for you to support the cause and we hope that you will join us as as we celebrate our 15th anniversary year."

The first of 70 gardens across Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire will be open on Saturday, April 18.

Gardens in the county involved with this year's scheme include Thame's Towersey Manor and Adwell House, as well as Kingham Village's open space, near Chipping Norton.

For more information visit tvacaa.org/events/open-gardens

Warning over cyber theft risk for businesses

CYBER-theft is becoming so prevalent that even Oxfordshire businesses should take precautions to protect themselves, according to an IT security expert.

Gareth Maquire, Unipart Group's information security officer, said: "The tools to hack are increasingly available. Hackers don't necessarily have to be cyber crime experts."

A typical situation where someone might be tempted to hack into a small to medium sized business is when a former employee goes to work for a competitor or sets up their own rival business, he said.

Mr Maquire, who spoke at an event to highlight the start of Business Continuity Awareness Week on Monday, said Oxfordshire business owners and managers should train staff to be wary of potential malware, separate and protect their private IT networks from their public networks, and keep computing hardware and software up to date.

The event is being jointly run by Unipart and the Oxfordshire County Councils Emergency Planning Unit at Unipart House in Oxford.

Greg Stacey, the council's business continuity and resilience officer, said all kinds of businesses needed to have plans in case their operations were disrupted.

This could include natural disasters like fire, flooding and extreme weather, telecommunications breakdowns, or supply chain disruptions.

NHS spends millions over nurse shortages

Patients suffer as lack of nurses causes operations to be cancelled and health trust to hire staff outside the county

Patricia Ludlow, 57, who suffers from scoliosis, has had seven operations cancelled by OUHT

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MORE than £100,000 a day was spent on temporary staff in Oxfordshire hospitals as the county's health recruitment crisis deepened

Oxford University Hospitals Trust (OUHT) spent £31.9 million on agency workers and bank staff between April 2014 and January 2015, a rise of 21 per cent compared to the same period the previous year.

The huge bill contributed to a £14 million overspend on planned expenditure by the trust, which runs John Radcliffe and Churchill Hospitals and the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Oxford as well as the Horton General in Banbury.

Spokesman Oliver Evans said: "The trust is actively trying to recruit permanent staff but this is proving difficult because of Oxfordshire's high cost of living and a national shortage of nurses."

"Where this is not possible the trust uses staff from agencies on a temporary basis to maintain services."

Staff shortages have meant the hospital trust had to close an average of 24 beds a day in January for patients in surgery, haematology and trauma wards.

Mr Evans said this was due to problems recruiting specialist staff.

The closure of beds contributed to 389 cancelled non-elective operations that month.

Scoliosis patient Patricia Ludlow had seven operations cancelled over two years at the John Radcliffe Hospital, including an operation in October last year that was cancelled five minutes beforehand due to lack of available beds.

The 58-year-old said: "I love the NHS, but I don't think there's a justification for how I was managed.

"It's been very frustrating and incredibly upsetting."

The Stanford in the Vale resident has now been transferred to Central Middlesex Hospital for specialist treatment.

The mother-of-two added: "It wasn't only me, it was my family and friends who were affected.

"They can't get your hopes up and dash them at the last minute."

Speaking on the use of agency workers, the retired healthcare assistant said: "They need to sort out staffing levels in the NHS and staff are not appreciated enough.

"They need to be paid more."

This was echoed by Labour MP for Oxford East Andrew Smith, who said: "Given the high cost of living locally, I think matters are also being made worse by the Government's policy in holding down nurses' pay, which has the crazy consequence that the trust spends even more on agency staff.

"I know the trust has been trying ways to tackle the problem.

"These efforts need to be redoubled, including recruiting and training people who already live locally and attracting back into nursing qualified people who have left."

Mr Evans said: "Measures to encourage staff to work at the trust include flexible working, trust accommodation and on-site childcare. These also include ongoing overseas recruitment, nurse graduate open days and attending careers fairs to promote apprenticeships for 16- to 18-year-olds."

Healthwatch Oxfordshire CEO Rachel Coney said: "OUHT's ongoing difficulties in recruiting staff are a matter of very serious concern, and undoubtedly are a contributory factor to some of the long-term problems they face, like bed-blocking."

But the health watchdog said underlying issues such as housing prices were out of its control and others needed to take action to help solve the crisis.

Leader of Oxford City Council Bob Price said the council was working with institutions such as OUHT to improve the current situation.

He added: "The city council is considering how more key worker housing could be funded and how developable [sic] land could be brought forward.

"A major answer to the crisis that we face as a city is to bring forward urban extensions to the north and south of the city boundaries which will provide sustainable transport links to the places where people work, instead of forcing workers to commute in on a massively congested road network.

"This approach is widely endorsed by employers and planning experts but is currently being frustrated by the actions and policies of neighbouring district councils."

Survey about new store reveals residents are 84 per cent in favour

RESPONSES to an ongoing survey on the proposed site of a new Waitrose in Banbury has shown 84 per cent in favour so far.

Two weeks ago the supermarket chain announced its intention to take over an area of surplus land in front of the Mondelez International factory, Southam Road.

About 24,000 newsletters containing a freepost feedback form were then sent to residents.

So far 1,096 people have given feedback on the plans via post, online and during a public exhibition at Banbury Town Hall on March 6, which was attended by more than 300 people. Of comments received to date, 924 were in support of the plans, 162 were against and ten were neutral. Waitrose development surveyor Martin Gorman said: "It's incredibly encouraging the majority of local people we have heard from share our excitement about a potential Waitrose coming to Banbury."

Comments will be analysed before Barwood Capital and Mondelez submit a joint planning application in the coming weeks.

If successful, work is expected to start in late 2015, with the store opening in 2017.

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- Regular, frequent meals of puppy/kitten food in the same place and at the same times each day to help establish a structure.

Nutrition

When it comes to food, it is a good idea to stick to your new pet's existing routine as much as possible for the first few days. It is a good idea to ask the breeder to supply you with a small amount of your companions' current diet. Once those first few days are over and your companion is settled, you can start to introduce a ROYAL CANIN® diet (one designed for growth) very gradually, over 5-7 days, if you want to switch. Once your pet has made the change, follow the feeding guides on the pack closely, as these will differ month by month as your pet grows. Most puppies and kittens initially need at least 3 or 4 meals per day but the meal frequency can usually be reduced to 2 or 3 meals per day as they grow.

Play

During the first few weeks, allow your new arrival a few days of quiet rest to help ease settling in. Then offer gentle play, keeping play times short, with appropriate toys, used under supervision. Ensure there is no confusion and only allow and reward play behaviour that you will continue to encourage as your pet grows up. Ignore any inappropriate behaviour, even if it seems endearing in a young animal e.g. jumping up, climbing on furniture, mouthing and scratching.

Exercise

Don't take your puppy out for walks in public places or let your kitten outside until they have had their vaccinations. If you are not sure what is safe for your unvaccinated pet, speak to your vet for advice. Many vets will recommend keeping kittens inside until they are neutered, as early pregnancies are always a possibility. Remember it is very important to socialise your pet from a young age (see later). Particularly for puppies, you may need to carry them around with you to achieve this initially, until their vaccines cover them. Once it is safe for your puppy to go out, enjoy but don't overdo the exercise, as this could stress growing joints.

First vet visit

It's a good idea for your pet to have a check-up when they first come to live with you so that your vet can make sure they're healthy, arrange for necessary vaccinations and advise you on other recommendations. Regular vet checks help to keep your companion healthy as they grow and ensure that they get used to going to the vets.

Socialisation

We all want a happy, friendly and confident pet, but many owners don't realise that it is what their puppy experiences between the age of 4 and 16 weeks (younger for kittens) that is most important for this. In fact, the period between 4 and 16 weeks is known as the 'socialisation window', during which time your pet is much more accepting of any new situations and encounters. The more they experience during that time, the more they will be comfortable with as an adult. However, for an emotionally well-balanced companion, the best thing is to continue with ongoing socialisation opportunities throughout their life.

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Deputy likely to be police chief

Current deputy is police and crime commissioner's preferred job candidate

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DEPUTY Chief Constable Francis Habgood looks likely to replace the departing Sara Thornton at the head of Thames Valley Police.

Police and crime commissioner Anthony Stansfeld said DCC Habgood – who has been with the force for ten years – was his preferred candidate for the job.

It is now down to the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel to review the recommendation and confirm or reject it on Friday, March 27.

Ms Thornton – herself promoted from deputy to lead the force after Peter Neyroud's departure in 2005 – has been appointed to become the first chairwoman of the National Police Chiefs' Council on April 1.

Mr Stansfeld said: "I am delighted to announce Francis Habgood is my preferred candidate to be appointed as the next chief constable for Thames Valley.

"He has done an excellent job as deputy chief constable and I look forward to working with him."

Deputy Chief Constable Francis Habgood, left, is expected to replace Sara Thornton, above, as chief constable

Mr Habgood joined Thames Valley Police in 2004 as assistant chief constable and was promoted to deputy chief constable in October 2008.

He previously served with West Yorkshire Police from 1987 and became divisional commander for the north west area of Leeds in January 2001.

Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry said he was supportive of appointing an officer from within Thames Valley Police.

He said: "I would be very disappointed if Francis Habgood wasn't promoted to chief constable.

"In all my dealings with him he has been exemplary in his professionalism.

"Yes, there are lessons that we all have to learn from Operation Bullfinch but I think that includes us all, many public institutions and not just Thames Valley Police.

"I do not think that it helps the development of a better delivery of public policy if, whenever anything goes wrong, one simply tries to find a few senior public officials to scapegoat."

It's a sticky business

Sibford junior school staff Edward Rossiter and Year 6 teacher Trudy Koochitt getting soaked in slime for Red Nose Day

TEACHERS got a drenching on Friday as part of Sibford School's Comic Relief fundraising.

Junior school deputy head Edward Rossiter and Year 6 teacher Trudy Koochitt submitted to a Red Nose Day gunge attack in the grounds of the school.

They put themselves forward to be covered with bright red slime and pupils voted for their victims, giving a small fee for the charity in the process.

Mr Rossiter said: "I'm not sure whether being selected by the children makes me more or less popular. Either way I'm making sure it's someone else next time.

"It wouldn't have been half so bad if it wasn't so cold this morning – I feel like I have done the ice bath challenge too. I think I will still be finding gunk in my hair and ears for at least another week."

The school also held cakes sales and a 'wear something red' day, raising more than £1,000 for Comic Relief throughout the day.

Elsewhere, the So... Banbury hair salon and nail bar donated 50p for every bill paid, and staff at Nationwide building society, Market Place, embarked on a 100km spinning bike challenge.

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Final surgery for Sir Tony who is stepping down as MP after 30 years in the job

Sir Tony Baldry with his final surgery constituent Linda Maxwell

AFTER 32 years as North Oxfordshire's MP, Sir Tony Baldry has taken his final constituency surgery in Bicester.

The MP will stand down at the coming General Election and on Saturday he closed the doors on his constituency surgeries.

Sir Tony said: "It will seem strange not doing regular constituency surgeries.

"Being easily accessible to constituents is an important part of an MP's life.

"As far as I am concerned, for 90,000 constituents I am their Member of Parliament, and they have an MP just like they have a GP."

Elected in 1983, the MP has seen an estimated 8,000 people at surgeries over the years, where constituents can chat about local issues or concerns.

He said: "I hope that over the years I have been able to help solve many of the problems that have been put to me.

"One of the hardest was a lady who came to see me because she was having problems with her neighbours coming round and into her house. I asked if she had tried locking the doors and she said she had tried but they just keep coming through the walls."

Linda Maxwell, of Churchill Road, was the last constituent to visit Sir Tony in Bicester.

She said: "Sir Tony has known me since he became MP back in 1983. He has always been very supportive, particularly of the disabled and carers and anything I have brought to him he has helped me with."

The MP has helped Mrs Maxwell, 65, with a number of issues, especially regarding social services and her severely disabled 35-year-old son. She added: "Goodness knows where my son and the rest of the family would be without Sir Tony. He never lets you down."

Sir Tony said: "I am very pleased the last constituent was Mrs Maxwell."

COUNCILLOR RESIGNS FROM ROLE

CHERWELL: Councillor Jon O'Neill has resigned due to "personal and business reasons". The district council announced that the Conservative Caversfield ward councillor had stepped down with immediate effect. A by-election will take place if two electors request one.

FOSTERING GIVEN A CASH BOOST

OXON: A Government grant will look to improve the county's fostering support service.

Oxfordshire County Council has been awarded £180,000 to recruit a team of carers to support foster families, as part of the Mockingbird Family Model.

APPEAL TO HELP COLD RESIDENTS

OXON: Organisers of the Oxfordshire Community Foundation, who are aiming to raise £20,000 to help vulnerable residents, are re-appealing for community support through a new appeal.

To donate visit justgiving.com/SurvivingWinter2014-15.

MARKET BACK IN TIME FOR EASTER

DEDDINGTON: Spring lamb and hot cross buns will mark the return of Deddington Farmers' Market this month.

It is on Saturday, March 28, from 9am to 12.30pm in Market Place. Visit deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk.

NEW HOMES ARE SNAPPED UP

BODICOTE: A third of new homes in Bodicote have already been reserved, according to the developer.

A preview at Hamptons selling agents' Banbury office saw five out of the 15 Knightscote properties held.

A show home will open this Saturday.

MPs' expenses claims top £50k

Six Oxfordshire MPs have clawed back various amounts so far this year

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EXPENSES claims by Oxfordshire's MPs have broken the £50,000 mark so far this year.

Henley MP John Howell tops the table with £14,125 in claims while at the other end Wantage MP Ed Vaizey has clawed back just £4,224 from the taxpayer. Claims paid so far range from rent for a London flat at £1,450 per month to a box of paper clips for 14p.

The latest figures from the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) show Tory MP Dr Howell claimed £9,470 in accommodation expenses for his Westminster flat between April and September 2014, including rent, council tax and bills. The remainder of his claims are made up of staffing at £3,275, office costs of £951 and travel at £428.

A day return journey from Didcot Parkway to Westminster would cost £66.60. This would involve taking a train from Didcot Parkway to London Paddington and then a tube train to Westminster. A monthly season ticket for the same journey would cost £534.60. The journey take one hour 15 minutes.

Banbury MP Tony Baldry's office costs totalled £6,253, with rent accounting for £2,572 and registration to the House of Commons-based Policy Research Unit (PRU), which provides services to Tory MPs, costing £2,582. Travel costs of £1,058 covered car journeys to and from London. Detailed stationery costs include a box of clips for 18p and another two for 12p and 8p. He said: "The Policy Resources Unit is a research unit which gives very good value research and support to members of parliament."

Labour's Andrew Smith, MP for Oxford East, had a total bill of £6,160. Mr Smith has not claimed for accommodation but has submitted receipts totalling £1,279 in travel costs.

Prime Minister David Cameron already has his accommodation provided in London and has made claims of £5,515 in office costs, staff and travel in the first half of the financial year.

Staff costs include £3,006 subscription fees to the PRU and £711 in payments to work experience students for lunches and £36 for car use and train, taxi and coach travel.

Wantage MP Ed Vaizey has kept his costs the lowest of all six local MPs, with claims so far of just £4,224.

Accommodation fees of £944 include insurance, electricity, service charges and phone calls. Travel costs of £1,163 included £492 own car use between Wantage and London, £203 staff vehicle costs and £328 in train travel.

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Two-day antiques event is back for another big sale

ANTIQUE enthusiasts are invited to a two-day antiques fair near Steeple Aston to be hosted at the end of the month.

On Saturday and Sunday, the twice-yearly Antiques@The Holt event will see about 40 dealers offer up their findings.

Co-organiser Marcus Potts, who set up the event with wife Franca Potts, said: "The hotel is the perfect venue, but we do wish there was a bit more room for us.

"We are at capacity now, which means we regularly face the frustration of having to turn away dealers who are keen to stand with us but can not be accommodated."

Over the two-days, at the Holt Hotel on the A4260 near Steeple Aston, antiques will vary from silver, porcelain, paintings, furniture and jewellery.

Mr Potts added: "We are particularly pleased to have two dealers offering furniture, including Paul and Judy Norman from Cropredy.

"We also have a couple of glass specialists, and Graham Draper's selection of Whitefriars and studio glass is probably one of the most extensive I have ever seen on a single stand."

Entrance is £1 and the fair will be open for trade buyers from 9am and the public from 10am to 4.30pm.

For more information contact 01869 347356.

Holding the large box of eggs are Morrisons communication champion Emma Boisselle and BYHP's Aida Walsh and Deb Parker Picture: Richard Cave

'Amazing' donation for youngsters in homelessness project

AN EARLY Easter treat was delivered to the Banbury Young Homelessness Project (BYHP) in the form of a trolley full of chocolate eggs from Morrisons.

Charity representatives collected 35 eggs from the Swan Close Road supermarket last Thursday.

On Monday they were distributed among young service users.

BYHP supports people aged between 16 and 25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness through job clubs, health and wellbeing services and its 'Unlocking Potential' programme, helping them move into education and training.

Programme manager Aida Walsh said the donation was "amazing".

She added that Morrisons has also been collecting for BYHP's food bank. She said: "Morrisons are very supportive of BYHP. The food bank is going great. For the first time we have had several items of food that the young people can use. For some time we were low on stock – now it's like a mini supermarket."

Volunteer Kayleigh Harper said: "It's a nice gift.

"Some of the young people here can't afford to buy luxuries like Easter eggs."

Nick Bidmead, 20, a service user and volunteer at the food bank, said: "It shows companies know what young people want and can't afford."

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Emmylou Harris set for Fairport's Cropredy festival

Proclaimers, Level 42, Rodney Crowell and Toyah Wilcox also in August line-up

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THE FULL line-up has been announced for Fairport's Cropredy Convention next August, including the 12-time Grammy award-winning country singer Emmylou Harris.

The three-day folk and rock music festival, in Cropredy, will see her joined by country singer Rodney Crowell as headliner on Thursday, August 13.

The next night's line-up will be topped off by Scottish duo The Proclaimers and jazz-funk act Level 42.

The event is hosted each year by folk legends Fairport Convention and 2015 marks its 35th year.

The group will headline on Saturday, following acts including 1980s pop star Toyah Willcox.

Spokesman Andy Farquarson said: "We are very pleased with this year's line-up. We have gone for variety and there is something for everyone."

Fairport's Cropredy Convention headline acts Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell

Picture: David McClister

"We are very excited to have Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell headline on Thursday. Earlier that day, we have got a real mix from the dub/reggae of Dreadzone to the traditional folk rock of Trad Arrr.

"Friday is equally diverse – everything from jazz/funk from Level 42 to Scottish power-to-folk from Skerryvore."

Friday will also feature the winner of the BBC Young Folk Award 2015, which has yet to be announced.

"Saturday will be a mixed bag again. Fairport will close the show as always and Paul Carrack will be playing with his band as special guest."

Further acts include Katzenjammer ahab, Judith Owen, Skinny Lister, Fish, Richard Digance, Kevin Dempsey and Rosie Carson.

The event is held on farmland in the village, three miles from Junction 11 of the M40.

Tickets are on sale now from fairportconvention.com or 0900 637 1644

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Women seeking men

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER Smart, spontaneous and honest Witney female, 36, 5'10'', slim build, would like to meet a man with a good sense of humour who is caring and affectionate for a special and lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 187097 or send a text to 80360**

THE SPECIAL ONE Shy and sincere Bedford female, 46, enjoys all the quiet things in life, now searching for a genuine, faithful and sincere man, to share friendship, company and loving times with. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 172147 or send a text to 80360**

MAKE A REAL FRIEND Curvy, friendly and loving Bedford female, 47, 5'5'', hard working, enjoys days out and cosy times, would like to meet a tidy and fun-loving man, for caring and happy times together. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171327**

CASTLES IN THE AIR Curvy, down-to-earth Buckingham female, 47, 5'4'', own home and car, enjoys days out, football and the quiet things in life, seeking a relaxed and friendly man, to share true love. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 165815**

QUALITY OF LIFE Sunny, loving and loyal Swindon girl, 48, 5'3'', average build, likes dining, cinema, walks and travel, looking to find a tactful and endearing man, for love and an honest future. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 138116**

COULD IT BE MAGIC? Spiritual and genuine Didcot woman, 48, attractive, fun, with grown up children, likes clubs, cafes, music, films, walks and reading, seeking a caring and optimistic man, for friendship first. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 123828**

WITH PLENTY TO OFFER Emotional, reliable and sensitive Witney girl, 49, 5'5'', enjoys cosy nights, cinema and holidays, just looking to meet an independent, reflective gent, for fun and a little romance. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 140276**

SEEKING A CONNECTION Kind-hearted, honest, 50 year old Abingdon-On-Thames female, would like to meet a male, for fun, company and to get to know each other. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 186892 or send a text to 80360**

HONEST RELATIONSHIP Genuine, friendly and honest, 51 year old Hemel Hempstead female, 5'2'', Scorpio star sign, like gardening and car washing. Would like to meet a male, for company, friendship and more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 187401 or send a text to 80360**

LET'S LIVE A LITTLE Kind, 51 year old Milton Keynes female, 5'3'', blue eyes, blonde hair, like going out for meals, cosy drinks, walking and cosy nights in. Seeks a sincere, honest, reliable male to get to know. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174590 or send a text to 80360**

COME INTO FOCUS Slim and honest Milton Keynes female, 51, 5'3'', enjoys keep fit and all the normal things, simply searching for a decent, romantic man, to share loving times and future happiness. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 172417**

TIME TO LIVE AGAIN Sweet, attractive, honest and truthful Aylesbury girl, 52, 5'6'', with plenty of interests in life, searching for an energetic, trustworthy male, for friendship, love and romance. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 155653**

YUMMY MUMMY Witney female, 52, would like to meet a yummy man, for romance, love and a long-term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 186111 or send a text to 80360**

SOMETHING TO CHERISH Bright, honest blue-eyed Witney female, 52, 5'2'', enjoys zumba, swimming and cycling, now searching for a happy and sociable man, to share happy times and a loving future with. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 186277 or send a text to 80360**

HOPE THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE Caring, honest and loving, 53 year old Milton Keynes female, would like to meet a male for friendship, going out for meals and possibly more, who knows? **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 180004 or send a text to 80360**

OPEN TO OFFERS Independent, intuitive and homely Aylesbury lady, 55, wants to meet an outgoing, self-assured male, for fun, friendship and perhaps more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 186178 or send a text to 80360**

ANYONE FOR LOVE? Happy and fun-loving Luton female, 56, widowed, enjoys holidays, travel, cooking and more, would like to meet a happy, fun male, for fun times, evenings out and something special. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 167294**

MY HAPPY ENDING Down-to-earth Aylesbury female, 57, non smoker, widow, enjoys holidays, days out, socialising and more, searching for a similar man, to share interests, friendship and happy times. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 177528 or send a text to 80360**

NOT JUST ANYONE Emotional, aware and decent High Wycombe girl, 57, just looking to meet an affable, tender male, for fun and maybe a little romance. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 161351**

SOMETHING IN THE AIR Perceptive, polite and romantic Bampton woman, 57, loves family time, socialising and places of interest, would like to find an energetic, consistent man, to share the future with. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 167144**

SINCERE FRIENDSHIP Friendly and cuddly, 58 year old Buckingham female, widow, enjoy walks, meals out and drinks out. Would like to meet a sincere male for friendship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 177102 or send a text to 80360**

SHALL WE DANCE? Blonde, blue-eyed Swindon girl, 58, friendly nature, well-travelled and loyal, lover of life, searching for an active, educated man, who appreciates, food, wine and life in general. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 110895**

ARE YOU MY MATCH? Kind, 59 year old Abingdon female, 5'2'', red hair, medium build, love gardening, DIY, fun cosy nights in and cats. Seeking a genuine man with a good sense of humour for a romantic relationship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 173744 or send a text to 80360**

LOADS OF LOVE TO GIVE Easy-going, kind and considerate, 60 year old Aylesbury female, like going out, cinema, pubs, knitting, cooking and drawing. Would like to meet a male for company and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 188417 or send a text to 80360**

A FRIEND FIRST? Down-to-earth, bubbly, kind and caring, Oxfordshire female, 60, 5'8''. Would like to meet a male, 5'11''+, who is sporty, kind, caring, romantic, loyal, decent and a great sense of humour. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 185724 or send a text to 80360**

SAME WAVELENGTH? Warm and sincere Abingdon female, 60, enjoys cycling, boot sales and walking the dog, would like to meet a calm, genuine and honest man, to share friendship and enjoy happy times with. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 178761**

JUST GOOD FRIENDS Sincere, genuine and kind-hearted, 60 year old Luton female, would like to meet a non-smoking, gentle, humorous male, with old fashion values. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 185745 or send a text to 80360**

IT'S TIME WE MET Cuddly, honest, witty Hemel woman, 60, 5'3'', N/S, blonde, likes swimming, theatre and weekends away, seeking a humorous, reliable male, with similar interests, to share a happy life. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 153853 or send a text to 80360**

A BETTER TOMORROW Loving, caring and sincere, 60 year old Aylesbury female, would like to meet a gentleman for companionship and friendship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 186495 or send a text to 80360**

NEED THAT SPECIAL PERSON Intelligent, attractive and well-dressed Devizes female, 61, widow, enjoys keeping active and swimming, looking for a kind, intelligent, active man, for friendship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 151752 or send a text to 80360**

IS IT HOT IN HERE? Straight-forward, vibrant Milton Keynes woman, 61, blonde, enjoys music, romance and more, would like to meet an open, kind, understanding gent, for fun, friendship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156926**

THE LONG TERM Separated, easygoing Oxon female, 62, likes cooking, evenings in/out and much more, seeks friendly male, to enjoy life with. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 100451**

TIME TO START AFRESH Warm and attractive Witney female, 62, 5'2'', curvy build, likes cooking, evenings out and all the nice things, now seeking a friendly and faithful man, to share and enjoy life with. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 128289**

TELL IT TO MY HEART Loyal and caring, 63 year old Witney female, would like to meet a male, for company, friendship and maybe a relationship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 188021 or send a text to 80360**

BRIGHTEN MY DAY Down-to-earth, 64 year old Bicester female, enjoy reading, gardening, rugby, watching sports, eating out, holidays, short breaks, theatre and cinema. Seeks a male for friendship initially. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 175514**

IN PERFECT HARMONY Independent, kind, caring, honest and loyal, 64 year old Milton Keynes female, enjoy travelling, the arts, cooking and eating out. Seeking a loving, caring male for friendship, romance and more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 186654 or send a text to 80360**

THE GOLDEN RULE Fun, open and active Bedford male, 65, enjoys cosy times, social drinks, reading and music, would like to meet a kind, thoughtful and happy male, for friendship and great times. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 154642**

MAYBE ROMANCE Blonde Scarlett seeks her Rett, slim, attractive, active, professional, Thame lady, 65, loves dancing, seeks a similar, Christian male, for social outings, companionship and who knows? **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 179554 or send a text to 80360**

A BIG ADVENTURE Kind, 65 year old Chipping Norton female, widow, 5'6'', slim, own home and car, like walking, cinema, theatre and eating out. Would like to meet a non-smoking male, for friendship, maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 188048**

CHASING DREAMS Quite, polite and easygoing Bletchley female, 65, 5'4'', with many interests in life, now would like to find a nice, caring chap, of similar age, for nice company and hopefully a future together. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 179624 or send a text to 80360**

UP, UP AND AWAY Friendly and honest Aylesbury female, 67, retired, widowed, non smoker, enjoys camping, weekends away and socialising, now searching for a warm and genuine man, for loving times. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 176427 or send a text to 80360**

FIRST DATE Energetic, straight-forward and kind-hearted Swindon lady, 67, like walking, cinema, TV, films and cosy nights in. Wants to meet an affectionate male, to build a loving relationship with. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 182156 or send a text to 80360**

JUST GOOD TIMES Honest and caring, 68 year old Luton female, widow, 5'8'', blue eyes, non-smoker, down-to-earth, would like to meet a like-minded gent to share a happy friendship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 187783**

COMPANY AND CONVERSATION Kind, faithful and honest Bedfordshire female, 69, would like to meet a tender and caring man, to enjoy evenings out, holidays and general good company. Are you the one for me? **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 176924**

REASON TO LOVE Smart, youthful lady, #71, sincere, non smoker, enjoys socialising, theatre, bingo and weekend breaks, searching for a happy and honest man, to share friendship, company and happy times. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 180022 or send a text to 80360**

HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU Very lonely, 73 year old Tring female, widow, enjoy going out, would like to meet a reliable gentleman, of a similar age, for friendship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 187904**

WALK OF LIFE Self-assured, strong-minded and motivated Bampton girl, 73, just looking to meet a friendly, trustworthy male, for a special and lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156046**

Men seeking women

MIX AND MATCH Sociable 35 year old Oxford guy, like running, outdoors, art and music. Searching for an outgoing girl, for good times and great company. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174011**

SUCH A DELIGHT Kind-hearted and active Oxford man, 38, enjoys sport, keep fit, dining and more, would like to meet a sincere, straight-forward female, for company, days out and to share life with. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 147290**

WE COULD BE GOOD TOGETHER Down to earth Swindon male, 39, enjoys cycling, walks, travel and lots more, seeks laid back female, for good times and more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 100773**

QUALITY COUNTS Emotional, decent and sincere Bampton guy, 42, enjoys all the normal things in life, just looking to meet a peaceful, civilized female, for friendship, good times and great company. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 111253 or send a text to 80360**

TAKE A LOOK AT ME Green-eyed Oxfordshire Fireman, 42, 5'10'', fit, enjoys clubs, nights out, shopping and cosy times, would love to meet a slim, like-minded woman, with no ties, for friendship and more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 183433**

LOVE TO MEET YOU Outgoing Abingdon-On-Thames male, 42, blond hair, blue eyes, wear glasses, 5'10'', have a grown-up son, like heavy metal music, travel, pubs and meeting new people. Seeking a female for company. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 188130 or send a text to 80360**

MAKE A REAL MATCH Well-organised, romantic and reliable Hemel Hempstead man, 42, 5'10'', likes keeping fit at the gym and cosy evenings in, seeking a tidy, sincere woman, for happiness, love and laughter. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 154001 or send a text to 80360**

ARE YOU MY KIND? Kind, caring, 43 year old Oxford male, 5'10'', slim build, own car, likes meals out, music, the beach, cinema, pubs and travel. Seeking female between 20-40 for long-term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 172910**

THIS ENCHANTED EVENING Understanding and caring Oxford male, 47, 5'11'', blue eyes, enjoys walks in the countryside, old pubs, fitness and sport, searching for an affectionate female, for loving times. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 170899**

FROM THE HEART Stable, dependable and energetic Wantage man, 48, 5'8'', non-smoker, enjoy sports and socialising. Would like a date with a sensitive, confident female, 37-47, for good times and great company. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 182758 or send a text to 80360**

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL Kind, caring and down-to-earth Thame male, 48, with plenty of active interests in life, now seeking a kind, sincere, slim female, to share days out, company and future happiness. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 137427**

LIFE, LOVE & HAPPINESS Affectionate, loyal and romantic Milton Keynes male, 50, 5'11'', slim, enjoys dog walks, museums and the countryside, now seeking a local lady, for a loving and lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 155734**

CHEEK TO CHEEK Hard-working and happy Oxford male, 52, 5'7'', own home, likes socialising, cooking, nights in and good company, now searching for a nice, sincere lady, to share friendship, love and laughter. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 121027 or send a text to 80360**

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH Friendly, warm-hearted Abingdon male, 53, good sense of humour, would like to meet a caring, well-matured girl, to enjoy good times together. Is you're looking for true love then get in touch. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 115894**

FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND ROMANCE Caring Wantage male, 54, brown hair, slim-medium build, semi-retired, like music, travel, days out and wining and dining. Seeks a lady for friendship initially, hopefully leading to a relationship. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 187581 or send a text to 80360**

READY FOR LOVE Kind-hearted, honest, 54 year old Woodstock male, 5'9'', slim-medium build, fair hair, clean shaven, would like to begin a genuine, long-term relationship with a female. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 188299 or send a text to 80360**

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ALL TO LOVE Kind and caring Oxfordshire male, 54, brown hair, green eyes, GSOH, searching for a nice, genuine girl, for friendship first, then maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 461278**

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Women seeking women

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Men seeking men

FUTURE FUN Down-to-earth, 40 year old Wallingford male, work full-time, own home, would like to meet a fun-loving guy for good times, friendship and maybe more in the future. **Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 187802 or send a text to 80360**

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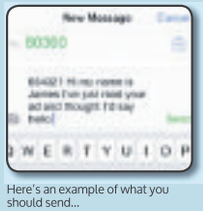

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Formula for success lies within latest cinema drama

X+Y
(12A, 112 mins)

FILM producers, who gauge success in pounds and dollars, know only too well that there is no simple, rigorous formula for guaranteed box office returns.

The 1995 action adventure *Cutthroat Island* and the 2003 romp *Pirates Of The Caribbean: The Curse Of The Black Pearl* share similar creative DNA: swashbuckling pirates and water-logged action sequences and uproarious comedy.

However, the former sank in spectacular fashion and is widely considered one of the biggest flops in cinema history, while the latter spawned a ship-shape franchise that has grossed more than 3.5 billion US dollars... and counting.

X+Y is a bittersweet drama, which has been engineered to a predictable formula: misunderstood genius and neurodevelopmental disorder and touching romance equals triumph against adversity.

Morgan Matthews' uplifting feature rests heavily on 17-year-old lead actor Asa Butterfield.

He plays Nathan, an autistic savant teenager, who struggles to connect emotionally with people around him including his caring mother, Julie (Sally Hawkins).

Haunted by memories of his father (Martin McCann), the one person who nurtured Nathan's "special powers", the teenager seeks comfort in complex mathematics.

Unconventional teacher Mr Humphreys (Rafe Spall) suggests that Nathan should apply for the International Mathematics Olympiad hosted at Trinity College, Cambridge.

In order to make the cut, Nathan must travel with other candidates to Taiwan for a training camp, far from familiar surroundings and home comforts.

In this alien environment, Nathan remains distant from fellow UK competitors including Luke (Jake Davies), Isaac (Alex Lawther), Rebecca (Alexa Davies) and Ben (Percelle Ascott), under the watchful eye of team leader Richard (Eddie Marsan).

Asa Butterfield, as Nathan Ellis, in the film X + Y

A scene from the film X + Y, with Asa Butterfield playing Nathan Ellis and Jo Yang as Zhang Mei.

"Here you are neither weird nor the best mathematician," Rebecca tenderly informs him. "You are painstakingly average."

Unexpectedly, Nathan experiences powerful feelings for Chinese competitor, Zhang Mei (Jo Yang), niece of team leader Deng Laoshi (Orion Lee), that defy logical explanation.

The lad must compute the joy of first love without his mother or Mr Humphreys to catch him when he inevitably falls.

Inspired by a documentary, *X+Y* ventures from suburban England to bustling Taipei in search of answers about the fragile human condition.

Butterfield delivers a convincing and moving portrayal of a beautiful mind, who cannot process love or affection, and always speaks with unflinching honesty.

Spall channels Michael Caine's boozy tutor from *Educating Rita*, replete with wry one-liners, while Hawkins provides excellent support, repeatedly reaching out to her boy only for him to recoil at her touch.

CakeWhat's on

Theatre

THURSDAY

Lime Walk Methodist Church, New High Street, Headington, Oxford: Hoodwinked and Trial By Jury. Runs until Saturday. 7.30pm. Hoodwinked, a musical performed by children based on the story of Robin Hood. Followed by Trial By Jury, a comedy opera. There is a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm. 01865 761711.

New Theatre Oxford, George Street, Oxford: Mercury: The ultimate Queen tribute. 7.30pm. After over a decade on tour, Mercury have firmly established themselves as one of the world's most authentic tributes to the legend that is Freddie Mercury and Queen. The extraordinary vocal range and outstanding delivery of Joseph Lee Jackson, as Freddie Mercury, and the intricate guitar work of Glenn Scrimshaw, as Brian May, are backed by superbly crafted harmonies, a driving rhythm section and state-of-the-art, world class production. 0844 871 3020.

FRIDAY

New Theatre Oxford, George Street, Oxford: One Night of Elvis: Lee Memphis King. 7.30pm. In this new show, Europe's most successful Elvis Presley tribute artist – Lee Memphis King – celebrates the entire career of the musical legend. Accompanied throughout by his world class orchestra and backing singers, the show also features large screen projection. 0844 871 020.

The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: All Roads Lead to Rome. 7.30pm. Chris Dobrowolski lovingly repaired the family's Triumph Herald Estate and drove it from his childhood home in Braintree, Essex, to Turin, via Rome, Monte Casino and Bologna where his Polish father fought in the Second World War. Part story about his father's time as a Polish soldier and part muse on our growing materialistic culture, All Roads Lead to Rome is a touching solo show of power-points and kinetic sculptures that brings together communism, consumerism and classic car mechanics. ticketsoxford.com. 01865 305305.

MONDAY

New Theatre Oxford, George Street, Oxford: Derren Brown. Runs until March 28. 7.30pm. The multi-award winning acknowledged master of psychological illusion is back with a brand new one-man show. 0844 8713020.

Tuesday

The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Short Stories Aloud. 7.30pm. Come and listen to award-winning short stories being read aloud by professional actors with author Q&A following them. Different theme each month; same friendly vibe. Listen to your favourite tales and discover new ones. 01865 305305.

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Jacob Walcott scored a late penalty for Banbury United at Corby

Banbury are no match for Corby

Puritans are beaten at promotion-chasers

STRUGGLING Banbury could not prevent Premier Division high-fliers Corby from collecting all three points on Saturday.

And it was a more comfortable victory than the score-line might suggest, with Banbury's goal coming from the penalty spot with virtually the last kick of the game in the fifth minute of stoppage time.

Corby went ahead in the 39th minute, when Jamie Anton headed home from a corner taken by former Puritan Stephen Morley.

Corby Tn	**2**
Banbury Utd	**1**

Five minutes into the second half, the visitors gifted Corby a second goal when a poor back-pass put keeper Leigh Bedwell in trouble, and Cleveland Taylor had the time to strike the ball home.

Banbury never gave up and in the fifth minute of injury time, Leam Howards was brought down, with Jacob Walcott converting the spot-kick, but it was too late.

Banbury Utd: Bedwell, Cray, Martin, Fishwick, Tappin, Ryan, Green (Walcott 89), Daffern (Browne 55), Howards, Lewars (Talabi 60), Abedellah. Sub not used: Weston.

Attendance: 606.

Meanwhile, Banbury United's Premier Division match against Slough Town in October, which was abandoned after the referee was hit by a water bottle at half-time, will have to be replayed.

The Berkshire visitors, who were leading 2-1 at the time, have protested against the league's decision to make them replay 139 days after the original game.

A 14-year-old was detained following the clash.

LATEST TABLE

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Poole Tn	33	24	5	4	66	19	77
Corby Tn	36	23	6	7	71	38	75
Weymouth	37	22	5	10	66	57	71
Truro City	37	22	4	11	69	52	70
Hungerford	38	18	11	9	53	31	65
St Neots Tn	37	18	11	8	70	50	65
Redditch Utd	37	18	10	9	65	36	64
Cirencester T	37	18	9	10	67	43	63
Hitchin Tn	37	16	8	13	61	56	56
Chesham Utd	36	14	12	10	67	52	54
Chippenham	37	14	10	13	47	47	52
Paulton Rov	36	14	9	13	58	54	51
Bideford	37	15	6	16	61	75	51
Dunstable Tn	38	14	6	18	60	67	48
Cambridge C	35	11	11	13	56	52	44
Slough Tn	35	11	10	14	49	64	43
Dorchester Tn	37	11	5	21	52	64	38
Frome Tn	37	10	6	21	44	71	36
Biggleswade	36	8	10	18	49	66	34
Histon	35	9	7	19	35	59	34
Arlesey Tn	36	8	4	24	34	71	28
Banbury Utd	**35**	**5**	**8**	**22**	**39**	**81**	**23**
*Burnham	37	5	7	25	37	71	19

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ARIES Mar 21-Apr 19

Family haven't made it easy for you to tell them what has really been going on. Don't worry, as from Wednesday whatever you tell them will be met with understanding and compromise, so plan accordingly. You will have to be there for those close ones who have begun new projects in their life. You'll find out how and why by Friday. Ring to hear why this is a great time for moves and changes.

0906 585 4360

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Love and lust can be pretty close together for you sometimes can't they Taurus? Try to slow your pace and take in what is really being offered. There's more to be enjoyed if you do my friend. This is a great week to look into training yourself to take your career to a new level. Explore where you wouldn't usually for success. Ring now to hear why this is a great week for job interviews.

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GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Emotions got the better of you, which left you with quite a mess to clean up. Just make sure you don't ask others to do things they wouldn't normally want to agree to. Show you're in control. Those emotions from last week start to calm down and you begin to see what needs to be done to put things right. Ring to make the most of this very busy but opportune week.

0906 585 4362

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Jupiter helped you to boost your confidence and you started to better understand why you acted in such a dramatic fashion in recent weeks. A third party's influence could change everything for you this weekend. Just remember to stick to commitments regarding finances or you could see someone pulling out along with the support they'd pledged. Ring now to hear how the Moon blesses family reconciliations.

0906 585 4363

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Money may not be easy to come by and you may have to tell a white lie in order to delay paying out for something you had hoped to avoid. A new attraction promises fun and drama. Life will certainly not be boring for you in the coming days and weeks Leo, but beware of signing what you may not be able to easily get out of. Ring so I can tell you where your future will lead you.

0906 585 4364

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Lying is not an option this week, but may be something you feel you have to do, now that a close one has backed you into a corner. Tell the truth. They know more than you think! This is a good month for selling and buying as you are able to bid up or down to suit your needs, so make sure you keep your eye on the ball. Ring to hear why this is a good weekend to take chances in love.

0906 585 4365

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Your career comes under the spotlight and you see ways to improve your future which you had never thought of before. Be careful of someone using you for your reputation in work. Know how far to be pushed. Someone you did not think you would cross paths with in work again seems to be the answer to your problems and needs. Ring to hear which signs can bring out the best in you.

0906 585 4366

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Sort out relationships and find out if others want and share the same dreams as you. Careful of a pushy family member trying to make you commit to something you don't want or need. Your ruling planet Mars brings out your need for confrontation on Friday. Just know how far is too far to go then please. Love is at stake. Ring so I can help you find your feet in life and relationships.

0906 585 4367

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Try to be nicer to the faces around you this week, especially to those you're meeting for the first time. An arrogant air is only going to undo the progress last weekend saw you achieve. Travel plans can be laid at this time but delay them if you want them to be as dramatic as you first imagined. Others need time to acclimatise to your ideas. Ring so we can find out why you've felt out of place recently.

0906 585 4368

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Last minute arrangements put you in the company of exciting faces who put the fun back into life and the spring back into your step. Happy times come from good news headed your way. If you're caught out in a lie then admit it, but don't try to lie your way out of what's been said. This is your chance to get back on track with a close one. Ring so I can tell you more about your future.

0906 585 4369

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Family who let you down don't mean to, so don't be too hard on them. Wait until you've heard the whole story before you jump the gun or you could end up looking and feeling a fool. Make sure you have signed all forms which need filling in and have given the right information or it could hurt you financially and professionally. Ring now to hear how animals bring new people to your future.

0906 585 4370

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20

The typed or written word, by hand, email or text helps you to get life back on track again. It's all about tying up certain legalities. Crossing the t's and dotting the i's Pisces. You're willing to work hard; you've got your focus back again. Believing in a younger person pays dividends. Ring my starline right now to find out how to make peace over last month's misunderstandings.

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Announcements - Public Notices

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Name of Applicant Mr F C Sharma, Address of Premises 2-5 Bradley Arcade or Description of Site Bretch Hill, Banbury - Oxon, OX16 0LS it is proposed to Vary the Premises Licence to vary the hours for Sale by retail of alcohol

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The required proof of debt form is available on the Insolvency Service website (www.bis.gov.uk/insolvency, select "Forms" and then form 6.37). Alternatively, you can contact my office at LTADT, PO Box 490, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 1YR telephone 01473 383535 to supply a form.
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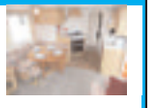

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No confusion on classy new Polo

By David Duffy
david.duffy@nqo.com

A COLLEAGUE looked a little confused after he had spotted the car in the car park and he asked: "Is that the new Golf you're driving?" No, of course, was the answer, as this was the latest version of Volkswagen's evergreen supermini, the Polo.

The Polo first started zipping around the UK's roads in 1975, since when no fewer than 14 million have been bought worldwide, with 1.2 million sold in the UK alone.

In 2013 about 721,000 customers opted for a Polo, with buyers ranging from youngsters to downsizing older couples attracted by the wide range of equipment levels and engine choices.

Priced from about £11,000 the Polo has grown over the years, both in size and the quality of equipment provided.

As well as electronic stability control, new Polos are equipped with hill hold and – a first in its class – an automatic post-collision braking system which brakes the car after a collision, reducing the chance or consequences of a second impact. New optional safety features include a driver alert system and adaptive cruise control and, for £500, emergency braking.

The latest generation of Volkswagen's modular 'infotainment' system is being introduced across the range. The touchscreen system includes a proximity sensor and a function that reacts to wiping movements by the fingers, as used on smartphones. UK models are fitted with a DAB radio, Bluetooth telephone link and USB media-in, while a navigation system for the 6.5-inch full-colour touchscreen is optional for £700.

The test car, in upmarket SEL trim complete with sparkly 16-inch alloy wheels, adds a host of equipment too long to list, ranging from a trip computer, remote locking and air conditioning, to front and rear parking sensors and cruise control.

Built in plants in South Africa and Spain the new Polo has revised front and rear styling, with new lights and bumpers, and cleaner lines, with its dimensions virtually unchanged.

The challenge for the designers was to give the car the level of quality and comfort of one from a class above. There is no confusion over its enduring appeal.

The Volkswagen Polo SEL 1.4 TDI has grown in size and quality of standard equipment provided

Auto Facts

Volkswagen Polo SEL 1.4 TDI
Price: £17,400
Insurance group: 14E
Fuel consumption (Combined): 83.1mpg
Top speed: 114mph
Length: 397.2cm/156in
Width: 168.2cm/66.2in
Luggage capacity: 9.9 cu ft
Fuel tank capacity: 9.9 gallons/45 litres
CO_2 emissions: 88g/km
Warranty: Three years/60,000 miles

In brief

- HONDA unveiled both its new Civic Type-R and production version of the NSX supercar for the first time at an exclusive event just before the Geneva Motor show. The NSX is the most radical car to come from the Japanese firm since the previous generation model ceased production almost a decade ago. Built from a mix of aluminium and carbonfibre, the new NSX features a four-wheel-drive hybrid power train that not only allows all-electric driving but also promises instant response from the combination of electric and twin-turbocharged petrol power. It is scheduled to reach the UK this summer.
- **TOYOTA has spread some of its own Comic Relief spirit with a laughing car that responds to being tickled. The firm created a 'ticklish' Yaris with sensors to detect tickling, as well as celebrity laughter supplied by Lenny Henry. This has helped put Toyota on course for its fund-raising target of £1m. And for those who haven't yet had a chance to tickle a Yaris, it's set to make more appearances across more Comic Relief fund-raising events.**

Roadsafetynews

Warning issued over eating on move

ROAD safety and breakdown organisation GEM Motoring Assist is urging drivers to avoid eating and drinking while at the wheel.

Attempting to eat or drink while driving is a distraction estimated to double a driver's risk of being involved in a crash. Additionally, it's an offence punishable either by fixed penalty ticket or under careless driving legislation.

GEM chief executive David Williams said: "The Highway Code tells us that we must avoid distractions such as eating and drinking when we are driving. Anything that takes our attention away from the driving task will increase our risk of collision.

"However, too many drivers don't see it as a problem to unwrap a pasty, sip a scalding hot coffee or glug from a large juice carton on a journey.

"Driving is a complex enough task already. So trying to do anything else at the same time just makes the journey riskier because we're not fully focused on the driving task. If something then goes wrong, we're likely to react more slowly because our attention is elsewhere – and when we do react, there's the food item or beverage to deal with, too.

"Good, experienced drivers accept that eating and drinking at the wheel are dangerous, so they won't allow these distractions to compromise safety."

GEM offers the following points for reducing risk on journeys:

- **Make sure you are always in full control of your car. That means both hands – and all your brain – on the driving task. Focusing on anything else is a distraction that will increase the risk of a collision**
- **Plan your journeys so there's time for snack and drinks breaks built in**
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